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# 2001 Wetlands Reserve Program

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**Program Focus:** The Upper Tiffin Watershed project of northwest Ohio is restoring the natural river corridor by reconnecting the floodplain and old oxbows with the old channel. Conservation easements and other agreements are being obtained to improve and protect water quality and wildlife habitat in the watershed.

The Grand River Watershed project in northeast Ohio is restoring the riparian corridor along the river and tributaries. The Grand River contains over 600 linear miles of streams and tributaries in a four county area. An estimated 200 miles of riparian areas are eligible for protection under the WRP. Of all Lake Erie's tributaries, the Grand River has the greatest diversity of fish, mammals, birds, reptiles and amphibians. Wildlife diversity has earned the Grand River its state designation as a wild and scenic river.

The Darby Creek Watershed project of central Ohio is restoring and repairing the riparian corridor along the creek. The Nature Conservancy has named Darby Creek as one of the last great places in the western hemisphere. It is home to one of the richest arrays of aquatic diversity existing anywhere on earth. Forests and prairies that link its banks are home to many diverse species. Darby Creek is approximately 88 miles long with 245 miles of tributaries in a 560 square mile watershed.

## Ohio Summary

### Overview

The Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP) is a voluntary program that provides technical and financial assistance to eligible landowners to restore, enhance, and protect wetlands. Landowners have the option of enrolling eligible lands through permanent easements, 30-year easements, and restoration cost-share agreements.

Ohio currently has three priority areas being served by the WRP. These include the Upper Tiffin Watershed in Fulton County; the Grand River Watershed in Ashtabula, Geauga, Lake and Trumbull Counties; and the Darby Creek Watershed located in Champaign, Clark, Franklin, Madison, Pickaway and Union Counties.

### Accomplishments

In fiscal year 2001, 20 contracts were signed on 1,896 acres for \$3,245,000 dollars. The total to date includes 233 contracts on 14,326 acres for \$15,170,148 dollars.

### Program Benefits

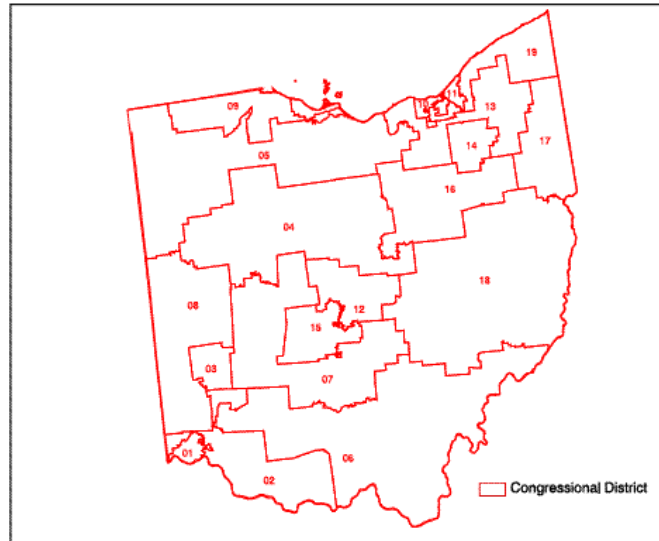
In Ohio, the WRP is improving the natural environment for wildlife species that depend upon it and for the human population that enjoys the natural beauty found in biologically diverse environments.

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## Ohio Dollars and Contracts by Congressional District



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	Fiscal Year 2001		Cumulative Total (95-01)	
<b>Congressional Districts</b>	<b>Obligated Dollars</b>	<b>Number of Contracts</b>	<b>Obligated Dollars</b>	<b>Number of Contracts</b>
District 1	0	0	0	0
District 2	0	0	0	0
District 3	0	0	0	0
District 4	856,382	7	1,785,506	22
District 5	233,380	2	2,829,829	49
District 6	0	0	185,466	4
District 7	373,100	2	2,152,898	39
District 8	0	0	543,231	13
District 9	445,708	2	4,863,012	25
District 10	0	0	0	0
District 11	0	0	0	0
District 12	50,000	1	846,870	4
District 13	0	0	277,615	8
District 14	0	0	75,009	2
District 15	1,075,000	2	1,809,708	18
District 16	62,630	1	318,790	11
District 17	0	0	105,346	4
District 18	0	0	74,069	4
District 19	162,800	5	1,607,474	29
<b>State Totals</b>	<b>3,259,000</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>17,474,823</b>	<b>232</b>

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